

House Resolution No. 3102

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations which are devoted to serving ill, frail, disabled, or elderly residents of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Meals on Wheels in Cape Girardeau was founded on January 7, 1974, by Anne Limbaugh in cooperation with Libby Oliver and Kay Newman of the Southeast Missouri Hospital Auxiliary; and

Whereas, Cape Girardeau's Meals on Wheels program will celebrate its Thirtieth Anniversary on May 25, 2004, with a banquet at the Centenary United Methodist Church Family Life Center; and

Whereas, during its earliest stage, Meals on Wheels relied on the members of Centenary United Methodist, First Presbyterian, and Christ Episcopal churches to provide drivers for delivery of between twenty to fifty noonday meals to recipients who paid \$1.25 each day; and

Whereas, today Meals on Wheels delivers between approximately seventy to one hundred meals at a cost which has only gone up \$1.00 in a span of three decades and with drivers and volunteers from twenty-four churches and the Cape Girardeau County Area Medical Society; and

Whereas, the Meals on Wheels program was coordinated locally by the American Red Cross until 1990 when Home Health Services at Southeast Missouri Hospital accepted the responsibility for scheduling recipients and mapping delivery routes while the hospital's Auxiliary handles contacts with churches that provide the drivers; and

Whereas, the dinners which Meals on Wheels delivers are prepared by Food and Nutrition Services at Southeast Missouri Hospital in accordance with the varied nutritional and medical needs of recipients; and

Whereas, Meals on Wheels volunteers also provide personal contact, smiles, and helping hands to those who cannot prepare a meal on their own due to the infirmities of age, convalescence from surgery or illness, or visual, physical, mental, or other disabilities:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the Thirtieth Anniversary of the establishment of Meals on Wheels in the Cape Girardeau community and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt appreciation to the many volunteers, staffers, and organizations which have so generously supported its much-needed work down through the years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Meals on Wheels in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason G. Crowell
Majority Floor Leader
District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3102, adopted May 14, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker